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# UM NEWS



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May 31, 2013

**MISSOULA** – Taking the national Board of Certification Exam for the Athletic Trainer is a daunting undertaking with an average first-time passing rate between 60 and 80 percent. But on May 6, University of Montana students who sat for the exam earned a 100 percent pass rate on their first attempt.

The eight students, who recently graduated from UM with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in athletic training, now are certified athletic trainers eligible for state licensure and employment.

The exam is a rigorous, comprehensive assessment, covering four years of undergraduate classroom content, as well as clinical experiences.

“We couldn’t be more proud of our students’ accomplishments,” said Scott Richter, associate professor and chair of the Department of Health and Human Performance at UM. “I believe their success speaks directly to our outstanding faculty and strength of program.”

According to the National Athletic Trainers’ Association, certified athletic trainers are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians and other health care professionals to optimize patients’ athletic performance and promote safe participation in physical activities. Certified athletic trainers also help prevent and diagnose medical conditions involving physical impairment and functional limitations associated with athletic endeavors.

The members of the Class of 2013 who passed the exam are Sophia Bowe of Nordland, Wash.; Matthew Bummer of Peoria, Ariz.; James “Paul” Capp of Great Falls; Shauna Delaney of Great Falls; Colyne Hislop of Coram; Tuline Kinaci of San Francisco, Calif.; Maggie March of Eagle, Idaho; and Morgan Umphres of Stockett.

This summer, UM will welcome its first class of students seeking their master’s degree in athletic training. This new program will provide students the opportunity to become certified/licensed athletic trainers and will advance their studies in the profession. The accelerated three-two model involves three years of undergraduate prerequisite courses and general education requirements followed by two years in an entry-level master’s professional program. At the end of the program, students will have earned both a health and human performance bachelor’s degree and a master’s in athletic training.

For more information on the national Board of Certification Exam or the master’s degree program, call Richter at 406-243-5246 or email [scott.richter@umontana.edu](mailto:scott.richter@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



May 29, 2013

**MISSOULA** – Members of the public are invited to enter the wild this summer as the Wilderness Institute at the University of Montana hosts nine free monitoring trips into the two western Montana wilderness areas.

The Citizen Science Monitoring Program will be held in the Welcome Creek and Anaconda Pintler wilderness areas, in collaboration with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Bitterroot and Lolo national forests.

Experienced trip leaders will guide small groups of volunteers on backcountry trips throughout the study areas to gather data on invasive species, recreation impacts and wilderness character. Participants will learn about monitoring methods, native plants and the natural history and wildlife of these spectacular wilderness areas.

The trips are free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. Backcountry experience is helpful but not necessary. Dinner will be provided daily and transportation will be available from Missoula and select towns in the vicinity of the study area.

The dates and excursions are:

- **Saturday, June 22:** Cinnamon Bear Lookout Day Hike, Welcome Creek Wilderness.
- **Sunday, June 23:** Solomon Ridge Day Hike, Welcome Creek Wilderness.
- **Thursday through Sunday, June 27-30:** Bitterroot Headwaters and Beyond, Anaconda Pintler Wilderness.
- **Saturday through Sunday, July 6-7:** Solomon Scramble and Welcome Creek Traverse, Welcome Creek Wilderness.
- **Thursday through Monday, July 11-15:** Mystic and Hidden Lake Adventures, Anaconda Pintler Wilderness.
- **Friday through Sunday, July 19-21:** Peaks and Passes of the Pintlers, Anaconda Pintler Wilderness.
- **Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 1-4:** Alpine Lakes and the Continental Divide, Anaconda Pintler Wilderness.
- **Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 8-11:** Mount Tiny and Lamarche Creek, Anaconda Pintler Wilderness.
- **Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 15-18:** Anaconda Wrap-up, Anaconda Pintler Wilderness.

The U.S. Forest Service maintains the wilderness character of these areas, but doesn't always have the manpower to assess how the areas are faring, according to the Wilderness Institute's Citizen Science Program Director Catherine Filardi.

A growing need for citizen participation in wilderness stewardship helped launch the program in 2005. Since then, the institute has partnered with the Forest Service and more than 300 community volunteers to document on-the-ground conditions across 14 of Montana's congressionally designated wilderness and wilderness study areas.

"Agencies struggle to get a handle on what's going on across these large landscapes with fairly limited budgets," Filardi said. "Citizen monitors can help fill in those information gaps by being the eyes and ears on the ground."

This year's trips will revisit two wilderness areas initially surveyed during the first year of the monitoring program in 2005.

"Ultimately, the real power of monitoring comes from repeated visits to the same area," Filardi said. "This is the first time we've had the opportunity to go back and document change across time. Monitoring is a job that is never finished. Continued community involvement helps agencies keep track of and then respond to changes on the ground."

Funding for the project is provided by the National Forest Foundation, the Forest Services and the Cinnabar Foundation.

More information about the Citizen Science Program and trip details are available online the Wilderness Institute's website at [http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/citizen\\_science.html](http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/citizen_science.html). To register for a trip, call 406-243-5361 or email [citizenscience@cfc.umt.edu](mailto:citizenscience@cfc.umt.edu).

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# UM NEWS



May 29, 2013

**MISSOULA** – A true sign of the times, mobile app developers took the top prizes in the 24th annual John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition at the University of Montana.

The competition, which is sponsored by the UM School of Business Administration and the Montana Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs, was held May 16 at UM's Gallagher Business Building.

Support from several sponsors and private donors funded the \$29,000 prize purse and the students' competition expenses. Details on the awards and winners follow:

- **First place overall:** \$10,000, UM student Joseph McMahon, Lake Forest Park, Wash.: Magnet. Magnet allows users to broadcast their availability to their friends, and view which of their friends are currently available, or will be available in the near future.
- **Second place overall:** \$5,000, UM student Carlos Rivera, Whitefish: Feastro. Feastro specializes in developing online and mobile solutions that bring restaurants and consumers together. Users can search, find and order food for delivery or carry-out online or from their web-enabled smart phones.
- **Third place overall:** \$2,000, Montana State University students Tim Reusch, Bozeman; Alex Crosby, Chicago: Babylon Produce. Babylon Produce is a Montana-based hydroponic heirloom tomato producer providing competitive market prices with minimal environmental impact.
- **Fourth place overall:** \$1,000, UM students Gregory McDonnell, Lynnwood, Wash.; Jacob Dunn, Billings; Heather Davidson, Sacramento, Calif.; Kyle Marshall, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Joseph Wienke, Wolf Point: WeHaula. WeHaula specializes in providing moving, storage and cleaning services to university students.
- **First place – Undergraduate Business Plan Award:** \$1,000, Rivera for Feastro.
- **First place – Elevator Pitch (90-second team presentation):** \$1000; UM master of business administration students Christina Henderson, Missoula; Aimee Roberts, Vancouver, Wash.: Zoo Bike and Brew. Zoo Bike and Brew offers rental of a 16-person party bike for two-hour tours of downtown Missoula, giving locals and visitors a fun and eco-friendly way to experience our city's popular craft brew culture. Given to the team with the highest audience score on their 90-second presentations.

The following special awards were given to teams or individuals based on specific criteria:

- **Brandon Speth Passion, Poise and Charisma Award:** \$1,000, Reusch for Babylon Produce.
- **People's Choice Award:** \$1,000, Reusch and Crosby for Babylon Produce. Given to the team with the highest audience score on their presentation and executive summaries.
- **Environmental and Social Responsibility Award:** \$1,000, Reusch and Crosby for Babylon Produce.
- **Most Dynamic and Scalable Award:** \$1,000, McMahon for Magnet. Recognizes the team with growth potential over the first five years of operation. Presented for the first time this year.
- **Most Innovative Plan Award:** \$1,200, UM student MarkPaul Santos of Mohave Valley, Ariz.: Rescriptz. Rescriptz is the eBay of pharmacy, used to decrease inventory of slow-turnover products. Recognizes the team with the most potentially disruptive product, service or business model. Presented for the first time this year and provided by the Hellgate Venture Network, a Missoula-based entrepreneurs network.

During the 14-hour competition, 13 student teams competed in the first round, with four teams moving on to the final round and presenting their business plans to a panel of 36 judges and an audience of close to 250.

Twenty-two student teams were nominated in April by faculty from higher education institutions across Montana for consideration in the event designed to encourage Montana

students to develop their business ideas and learn about entrepreneurship from business experts. The event is judged and coached by venture capitalists, angel investors, bankers, successful entrepreneurs and corporate executives who donate their time and expertise before and during the competition.

More information about MADE is available at <http://www.business.umt.edu/DegreesPrograms/MADE.aspx>, and more information about the UM School of Business Administration is available at <http://www.business.umt.edu>.

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**Note to media:** Photos of students receiving awards are available by calling Larae Hackney, UM School of Business Administration special program coordinator, at 406-243-4830 or emailing [larae.hackney@business.umt.edu](mailto:larae.hackney@business.umt.edu).

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May 29, 2013

**MISSOULA** – The Davidson Honors College at the University of Montana recently selected three outstanding research projects for the annual \$4,000 DHC Student-Faculty Summer Research Award.

The three teams, selected from about a dozen applicants, received funding that is split evenly between the student and their faculty mentor to help cover their summer research project expenses.

The awardees are:

- Mercedes Becker, a junior from Belgrade majoring in psychology and minoring in political science, and political science Associate Professor Robert Saldin. Topic: "Public Policy Past and Future: The Effects of Mental Health Funding on Homelessness." The study will examine the effects of the repeal of the Mental Health Systems Act of 1981 and will provide insight into the effectiveness of federally funded mental health programs in caring for people who often become homeless in the absence of such support.
- Paige Ely, a senior from San Diego majoring in sociology and minoring in biology, and sociology Assistant Professor Daisy Rooks. Topic: "Children and Malnutrition in Low-Income Families." Through detailed ethnographic field notes, Ely will describe everything she sees at the Missoula Food Bank, including what quantity of food each child receives, the nutritional value of the food and how the children and food bank staff interact. With the results, she hopes to work with the Missoula Food Bank and Missoula County Health Department to improve the health and livelihood of Missoula's children.
- Kimberly Ledger, a senior from Missoula majoring in ecology and organismal biology, and biological sciences Professor Ragan Callaway. Topic: "Impacts of a Global Invader, *Solidago canadensis*, at Home and Away." Ledger will investigate the biogeographical differences in competitive effects of Canada goldenrod on native North American species that co-occur in its home range and on native European subspecies that co-occur naturally in its invasive range. The award will enable her to conduct extensive fieldwork in Montana and Hungary.

The purpose of this award program is to enable highly motivated and accomplished students to work closely with a faculty mentor on a research project during the summer semester.

This award was established by UM alumnus Nelson Weller of Alexander Valley, Calif., who graduated in 1958 with an economics degree, in recognition of the exceptional educational value gained by students who have the opportunity to work one-on-one with a faculty mentor on a significant research or scholarly project. The faculty mentors also benefit from having outstanding students work with them on out-of-classroom projects.

Research teams apply for the award through the honors college and the funds can cover expenses including stipends, research materials and travel expenses. Funding priority is given to projects in the humanities, social sciences and fine arts, though exemplary projects in the natural and physical sciences also are considered.

More information is available online at <http://www.dhc.umt.edu>.

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# UM NEWS



May 24, 2013

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana athletic training students recently won the National Athletic Trainers' Association Public Relations Contest for the sixth consecutive year.

Each March, the NATA PR Committee issues a call for entries for the contest, which must educate, use proper athletic trainer terminology and not be self-serving. The contest recognizes outstanding PR achievements by NATA districts, states, individuals or student groups.

This year UM students set out to inform individuals locally, regionally and nationally about the importance of having access to an athletic trainer. Their campaign, "Every Body Needs an Athletic Trainer," earned the Best Student Effort award. The students used social media, a community tap night event and distributed flyers, posters and public service announcements to deliver their message.

The UM students will be honored at the annual NATA meeting, which will be held June 24-27 in Las Vegas. The students involved in the project are: Taylor Baldwin, Erika Berens, Amy Bergan, Matti Bermingham, Kira Crenshaw, Britt Dickman, Nora Ifft, Emily Jones, Ryanne McDaniel, Samantha Riordan, Brandon Rumph, Erika Stinchcomb, Alix Ungaretti and Cali Van Valkenburg. The UM faculty advisers are: Associate Professor Valerie Moody, Assistant Athletic Trainer Kara Wesen and Associate Professor Scott Richter.

During the successful campaign, students estimate they reached more than 1.5 million people. Their community tap night event raised \$250, which they donated to the NATA Foundation Mark Smaha Scholarship Endowment Fund.

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**Note to the media:** The student-produced PSA is available online at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peVqTfioURg>.

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May 24, 2013

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana has named its next provost and vice president for academic affairs. The University announced Friday that Perry Brown, UM interim provost since 2010, has been named to the post after an extensive national search.

The provost serves as the University's No. 2 administrator. As chief academic officer, the position oversees UM academic operations and efforts to promote student success. The provost answers directly to UM President Royce Engstrom and serves on the president's Cabinet.

"Perry has demonstrated clear and effective leadership during his time as interim provost and has been heavily involved in the design and implementation of our strategic plan and other important campus initiatives," Engstrom said. "I am pleased to have him join the Cabinet on a permanent basis, and I know he will continue to help move UM forward."

Before serving as provost, Brown was UM interim associate provost for graduate education from 2008 to 2010, and dean of the University's College of Forestry and Conservation from 1994 to 2010.

"As the chief academic officer, it is a pleasure to focus attention on student success, on ensuring education for our current century and on building the most dynamic learning environment that we can provide," Brown said. "It is a great pleasure to be able to work with so many talented faculty, staff and students at the University of Montana."

Brown worked at Oregon State University from 1979 to 1994, serving as a resource management professor and department head, associate dean and director of international programs within the College of Forestry, among other duties. Brown also worked as a faculty member at both Utah State University and Colorado State University. He earned a bachelor's degree in forestry and master's and doctoral degrees in outdoor recreation and social psychology from Utah State.

"I am excited to be able to continue the work that we began with the appointment of President Engstrom and the implementation of the UM strategic plan, 'UM 2020: Building a University for the Global Century,'" Brown said.

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May 23, 2013

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana and Missoula College invite adult learners to attend an information session about Grizzly Opportunities for Adult Learners, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, in the University Center Room 326-327.

The GOAL information session introduces participants to UM and MC and provides opportunities to learn about programs and services that relieve many of the common fears adult learners have about college.

Current adult students will share strategies that will help other adult learners in the transition to college life. The session also will focus on the services available to adult learners.

Short-term and online course options are a few ways adult learners can continue their education. Information about financial aid and scholarship options also will be available.

For more information call UM Director of Orientation Karissa Drye at 406-243-2332 or email [karissa.drye@mso.umt.edu](mailto:karissa.drye@mso.umt.edu). To register, go online to <http://admissions.umt.edu/goal>.

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May 18, 2013

Jim Messina, the architect of President Barack Obama's successful campaign for re-election, was the featured speaker during the University of Montana's 116th Commencement ceremonies held Saturday, May 18.

Messina graduated from UM in 1993, where he studied political science and journalism. He served as Obama's national chief of staff for the 2008 presidential campaign and led the president's 2012 campaign.

The influential Griz has been hailed as the "most powerful man in Washington you've never heard of" and the mastermind behind a new presidential campaign style that features social media, hard data and armies of grassroots volunteers.

"Going to The University of Montana is the single best decision I ever made in my life," Messina said. "I couldn't be more excited to come back to UM and watch as the next generation of leaders graduate from my alma mater."

The text of his speech follows:

Thank you, President Engstrom, and the entire University of Montana community. It is my high privilege and distinct honor to be with you today. To the graduating class of 2013, I offer my congratulations on what you've accomplished.

I arrived on campus 25 years ago this fall to Jesse Hall Room 508 as a scared and skinny kid who only wore red Chuck Taylor Converse All-Star shoes and had a tasteful mullet. I didn't know a single person in Montana and had never been to the state. I had no idea that coming to the University of Montana would be the single best decision I would ever make.

The first thing I realized is this University had world-class educators. I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to acknowledge the truly outstanding faculty we have here. Whenever I reflect on my U of M days, I can't help but be reminded of the Isaac Newton quote, "If I have seen further, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants."

The teachers here are true giants. They taught me more than facts and figures, dates and statistics. They taught me how to ask questions. They taught me how to approach the world. They gave me a moral framework. All of these things have proven to be immensely useful to me over the years. I learned one of the most valuable lessons from Journalism Professor Carol Van Valkenberg who is here today. During the Journalism 270 class that every one of you journalism students took, we reported each week from the Monday night meeting of the Missoula City Council. One night when the council went late, I was elected the emissary from my classmates to try to convince professor Van Valkenberg to extend the 10 p.m. deadline. Her reply was simple: "Messina, it is NOT a maybe-line, it is a deadline, and yours is 10 p.m." I owe a lot to the teachers I had at U of M, and I'm sure you do too. I hope each of you takes the time to sincerely thank at least one professor who made an impact during your time on this campus.



Painful as it may be to hear this, your time as a student on this campus is very nearly done. As someone who understands that trauma all too well, I'm going to give you a few pieces of advice that might help you survive this transition.

My first piece of advice is this: "Leave your village." This is a theme that's pervaded American literature from "Huck Finn" and Hemingway, to Jack London and "Less Than Zero." And yes, even one of my personal favorites, "A River Runs Through It." So what does this piece of advice mean? Does it imply that where you're from must be pushed aside and forgotten? Absolutely not! It means you've spent most of your lives up to this point preparing to go out into the world to achieve great things.

Whether that's climbing mountain peaks in the Himalayas or summing skyscrapers in New York City. Whether you want to lead rural classrooms or manage corporate boardrooms. All those possibilities are before you. All of them are within your grasp. Most of them will require that you push beyond your boundaries, beyond your comfort

zones, in order to attain them.

If you're anything like me, this place, this campus, this city has become a comfort zone for you the past four years. And it's certainly true what Norman MacLean wrote: "the world outside... is full of bastards, the number increasing rapidly the farther one gets from Missoula, Montana." But you need to know he didn't write that line until he'd left Montana and was living in Chicago. He never could have written it if he hadn't left his village. So when I give you this piece of advice, I'm not telling you to forsake your past. Once you've gone out, once you've picked which worlds you want to conquer and done it, come back, tell your friends and families where you've been. Come back and appreciate the simple pleasures of a familiar house, recognizable streets, and a cozy bar. I suggest the Mo Club, but that's me.

I have done this. After years of campaigns across the country, I had settled in as chief of staff to Montana Senator Max Baucus in Washington. It was a job I had wanted since college. But in one phone call, everything changed. I was sitting in my office when the phone rang on Thursday afternoon. I answered "Hello?" "Jim, its Barack." "Barack who?" I said. "Barack Obama," came the voice. Now, I think of myself as a pretty smart guy. I mean, I AM a Griz not a Bobcat, so I'm obviously smart. But that day, not so much. I thought it was one of my friends screwing with me, so I hung the phone up. My assistant, also a Grizzly grad I might mention, ran into the room and screamed "You just hung up on Barack Obama." Thank God, he called right back, laughing. "Wow," he said, "no one has hung up on me in a little while."

His request was simple: "I need you to move Chicago tomorrow to become my presidential campaign chief of staff." I panicked and replied, "Well, Senator, I can't just pick up. I have a job, a new house, a car, a dog and a new girlfriend. I can't just leave." He calmly replied: "Well, your decision, if you want the job, we'll see you in Chicago tomorrow." And with that he hung up.

So, I did what any of you would have done, I called my momma. Her advice was simple and direct: "Baby," she said, "this is not hard. In my lifetime there's been no other politician like Barack Obama. If you turn down this job, you're out of the will." Now, in my family this is not a real threat. It means you don't get grandma's china plate. But, the point was right: It was time to leave my safe village and try.

The next day I arrived in Chicago and had no Senate job, no dog, no car and no girlfriend. I think it's safe to say though that decision turned out pretty well for me.

The corollary to "leave your village," is "never forget where you came from." I had the honor of being the first staffer who walked in to the West Wing after the president was sworn in in 2009. I did two very important things: I measured the distance between my office and the Oval Office—41 feet—and I hung up a Grizzly banner for all to see in my office and to remind me where I had come from.

The second idea I'd like to impart is: "Try. Go out and really try." To *TRY* to do something. Really try.

Teddy Roosevelt once put this better than anyone ever. It is my favorite quote of all time:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

I had a rule when I started in politics: I would be the first in the office each morning and the last to leave. I would move anywhere someone would pay me to work in politics and I would find a way to be the best. I left UM three times to work on campaigns; it took me five and a half years to graduate and many gray hairs for my mom and dad.

Once, I moved to Minnesota to work for a long-shot candidate who everyone said couldn't win. Even worse, he couldn't pay me. So I worked for free and got a job working nights in a corn factory. One night I was tired and not paying attention and I put my hand into the corn machine. This finger to this day doesn't straighten, but it's the most important reminder I have. My long shot candidate was Paul Wellstone, who went on to come from 40 points behind to win a seat in the United States Senate. This finger reminds me every day if you work hard enough, anything, anything is possible

For my third piece of advice I'd like to borrow the immortal words of the poet and philosopher, Jay-Z: My favorite song is called "On to the next one." Today, you're celebrating a tremendous accomplishment, a smashing triumph. Many of you have overcome long odds to be sitting where you are today. I sure as hell did. Many of you have endured great trials for this privilege. Many of you, by earning the piece of paper you're about to receive, have made the haters of the world shut the hell up for at least a little while. For that, you rightly deserve to congratulate yourselves and celebrate. But know that tomorrow; it's time to set your sights on the next challenge.

I learned this lesson from the president of the United States. I had the honor of being involved in the fight to pass the health care bill. Whether you support that legislation or not, it was historic and took over 80 years to pass. The next morning after the president signed the bill into law, I was, shall we say "Mo Club hung over" when the White House called to say the president wanted to see me. I was excited. I thought, I'll get some vacation days, maybe a raise. Instead the president said: "You are running the campaign to pass the repeal of don't ask don't tell. Go." And he walked out. It really was "on to the next one."

Just because you've made it past some milestone, just because you achieved a benchmark, doesn't mean you're job is done. It means the next challenge is waiting. The people I've seen in life who have achieved the most, and who – not coincidentally – are the happiest, are the ones who never stop pushing themselves, the ones who never feel like there's nothing left for them to go out and get.

The final piece of advice is the advice my friend Jim Fleischman gave me the night before I left Missoula to move to Washington, D.C. He said, "The secret to life Messina, is half gin and half tonic. Half gin and half tonic, don't forget that." It was a while before I realized he wasn't giving me a drink recipe. He was giving me advice about life. Every single day you have to laugh and you have to work. The secret to life is finding a way to make your love also your work. That has turned out to be the best advice of all. It doesn't mean you'll love every moment, or every day. I promise you won't. But every single day of the Obama campaign, the president was silly to have paid me. I would have done it for free. If you find a way to get paid for your passion, you'll never work a day in your life.

This is the advice I offer to you, but this this my list. I gathered it, piece by piece, throughout the course of my life. Each success, each setback has helped shape it, polish it to a high gloss. From today forward, you need to create your own list.



And my list is always changing. If you talk to me next year, I'm sure it will be different.

There's a quote from Joseph Campbell, author of "A Hero's Journey" that goes, "If you can see your path laid out in front of you step by step, you know it's not your path. Your own path you make with every step you take. That's why it's your path."

My path came full circle from Montana to Washington last November. A long tradition is that the campaign manager to the president tells their candidate whether they've won or lost. I had spent my adult life dreaming of that moment. On election night, after the networks declared the President the winner, in his suite in Chicago, he refused to begin the celebration. He simply said "Go get Messina." I raced from our war room to the presidents suite to tell him a simple truth. His greeting was perfect: He said: "The man from Montana is here to deliver some news." This man from Montana began to cry as I said "Congratulations Mr. President, you have been re-elected the President of the United States of America."

It has been a long road from Jesse Hall to the president's suite, but I promise you I wouldn't have made it had that skinny kid with a mullet not gone to the University of Montana.

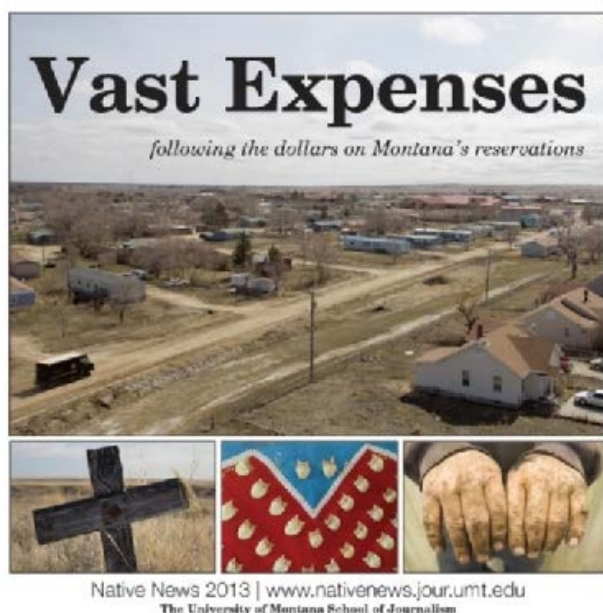
Thank you all very much for the honor of speaking with you today. I have been all over this world. I've met kings and queens and presidents and seen lands afar that I never dreamed of. I promise you that you have just spent four years in the last best place. Congratulations. I wish you all the best of luck in the rest of your lives. Go Griz.

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# UM NEWS



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The cover of the 2013 edition of the Native News Honors Project, "Vast Expenses."

identify as a tribal member and what costs come with the status;

- and the perception and effect of tribal government officials and misspending through the eyes of the recently deposed chairman of the Chippewa Cree Tribe on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation

The Native News Honors Project has covered several major issues in Montana's Indian Country, including education, health, sports, employment and economic development. The project, which in 2005 won the prestigious Robert F. Kennedy Award, serves as a tool to introduce students to the rich and intricate government, family and cultural systems on reservations with the hope that they will take this understanding with them into newsrooms nationwide.

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# UM NEWS

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**MISSOULA** – Explore planets, nebulae, star clusters and distant galaxies during eight upcoming free public observing nights at the Blue Mountain Observatory. The events are family-friendly, and children are welcome.

The observatory, located atop Blue Mountain at an elevation of 6,300 feet, is operated by the University of Montana.

Astronomers will be on hand at all events to talk about what's being viewed through the telescopes, point out constellations, show attendees how to find interesting celestial objects with the naked eye or a pair of binoculars and discuss recent astronomical discoveries.

Observing begins about an hour after sunset, and organizers recommend bringing warm clothes for cool evenings and a flashlight for the walk from the observatory to the parking lot.

Viewing nights will be canceled if the sky is cloudy or thunderstorms threaten. Before heading to the observatory, call 406-243-5179 for weather and cancellation updates.

Public observing nights are scheduled for Friday June 7 and 14, Saturday, June 29, and Friday July 12, Aug. 2, 9 and 30, and Sept. 6.

For more information on the observatory, directions and a map, visit <http://www.physics.umt.edu/bluemountain>.

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# UM NEWS



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**MISSOULA** – The Western Montana Area Health Education Center at the University of Montana and the North Central Montana AHEC will host a one-day professional continuing education program around veterans' mental health on Friday, June 7, in Helena.

The conference, "Citizen Soldier: The Invisible Wounds of War," will provide practical information about military culture and the needs and concerns of service members, veterans and military families. Topics covered include post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, military sexual trauma and the impact on individuals and their families.

It is designed for Montana health care professionals who want to expand their perspective and gain a better understanding of how to connect with and help veterans and their families.

The event will take place at St. Peter's Hospital, located at 2475 Broadway St., and also will be broadcast to distance sites around the state. This will be the fourth offering of the "Citizen Soldier" conference. For more details on the specific sites, go to the registration website at <http://www.regonline.com/CitizenSoldier2013>.

Registration costs \$100 until May 27 and then it will increase to \$125. This cost includes continuing education credits for a wide variety of health care disciplines and lunch if attending in Helena. Space is limited at all sites.

Dr. Michael Marks, the lead psychologist at the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Healthcare System in Tucson, Ariz., will be the principal conference speaker. Marks directs the system's post-traumatic stress disorder outpatient clinic and developed the Supportive Education for Returning Veterans program at the University of Arizona.

Other speakers include retired Brig. Gen. Hal Stearns; Staff Sgt. Dustin Monroe, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Christian Belcourt, who served active duty in the U.S. Army from 1988 to 1992 and in the Army Reserves until 2001; and Christine Gregory, director of the VA Montana Health Care System.

Download a conference brochure and register at [www.regonline.com/CitizenSoldier2013](http://www.regonline.com/CitizenSoldier2013). For more information call Anna Buckner, WMT-AHEC program coordinator for continuing education, at 406-243-5575 or email [anna.buckner@mso.umt.edu](mailto:anna.buckner@mso.umt.edu). The media is invited to attend conference sessions.

For the first time in history, 90 percent of soldiers survive their injuries. However, as of September 2009, mental health problems were the second-most common health problem among the soldiers who have returned home from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The war in Iraq remains very personal," the 2011 report from the Office of the Surgeon General Mental Health Advisory Team for Operation Enduring Freedom stated. "More than 75 percent of soldiers and Marines surveyed reported being in situations where they could be seriously injured or killed; 62-66 percent knew someone seriously injured or killed; and more than one-third described an event that caused them intense fear, helplessness or horror."

"While VA facilities do have specialists trained in post-traumatic stress disorder, only 41-45 percent of the more than 1 million returning OEF/OIF veterans who are eligible for VA services have sought care from the VA," said Larry White, WMT-AHEC director. "This means that the remaining veterans constitute a silent majority – the civilian health care workforce must come together around this issue. There should be no wrong door to which veterans and their families can come to for help."

The AHEC program was developed by Congress in 1971 to recruit, train and retain a health-professions workforce committed to underserved populations. The program taps the resources of academic medicine to address local community health needs.

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# UM NEWS



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Chateaubriand Fellows

**MISSOULA** – Two University of Montana students have earned Chateaubriand Fellowships to carry out collaborative research in a French laboratory in Clermont-Ferrand. Steven McDaniel is a graduate student in UM's Medicinal Chemistry Program and Jaydene Topenio McDaniel is a student in the Neuroscience Graduate Program.

The Fellowship, offered by the Embassy of France, allows doctorate students from the U.S. to conduct research in France for up to 10 months. Steven and Jaydene, who are married, will receive salaries and health insurance for nine months.

Steven, of Beaverton, Ore., currently designs compounds to treat neuropathic pain, and Jaydene, of Kona, Hawaii, works on compounds to treat brain stroke, which also can treat neuropathic pain.

Philippe Diaz, a research associate professor in UM's Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, sponsored the students' Fellowship applications. He previously worked at the lab in Clermont-Ferrand for three weeks as part of a short-term travel award

through UM.

The three-week trip allowed Diaz to form a relationship with an international lab working in the research of neuropathic pain, and while the French lab has complementary expertise to conduct research, the great distance makes ongoing collaboration difficult. Through the Fellowship, UM students now can continue their research and collaboration in Clermont-Ferrand.

"The synergy between the research at both institutions played an important role in the Chateaubriand Fellowship applications," Diaz said.

Steven and Jaydene will leave for France in early September and will be there until May 2014.

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**Photo cutline:** Steven McDaniel and Jaydene Topenio McDaniel will leave for a Chateaubriand Fellowship in France in early September.

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# UM NEWS



May 20, 2013

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana researchers, in partnership with Missoula's Providence St. Patrick Hospital, will use a new funding award to investigate how the hospital discharge process affects the treatment outcomes of patients from rural areas and to explore ways to improve those outcomes.

The \$1.85 million award was presented through a highly competitive process by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, an independent nonprofit organization authorized by Congress in 2010. PCORI funds research that provides patients, caregivers and clinicians with evidence-based information needed to make better health care decisions.

"This award will be used initially to understand the experiences people have when they discharge from St. Patrick Hospital to one of the more-rural counties in western Montana," said Craig Raveslout, director of Rural Health Research with the UM's Rural Institute on Disabilities. "We worked with the hospitals in **Plains, Polson, Deer Lodge and Dillon**, which serve large rural counties. The partnership with those hospitals was key to the success of our proposal."

The participating rural hospitals are Barrett Hospital and HealthCare in Dillon, Deer Lodge Medical Center in Deer Lodge, Clark Fork Valley Hospital in Plains and Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson.

The researchers will investigate what patients from rural counties need for recovery following discharge from St. Patrick Hospital. Compared with Missoula, patients going home to rural areas typically have less access to needed services.

Dr. Joseph Knapp, a cardiologist with St. Patrick's International Heart Institute, said they want to discover whether all patient needs are being met after they are discharged and if they might develop a new model for coordination between the Missoula hospital and the four critical access hospitals in the outlying communities.

"Fifty-three percent of St. Patrick Hospital's patients come from outside Missoula County," Knapp said. "When patients leave the hospital and go back home, we want to understand whether we are meeting their needs. Is their care transition seamless? Do they receive follow-up treatment? Is the care they receive what these folks want?"

The clinical data analysis portion of the research will be performed through the International Heart Institute Foundation because of its existing infrastructure, interest and expertise in the specific research of clinical outcomes and comparative effectiveness. Specific discharge subgroups will be the focus and likely will include orthopedics, pneumonia, stroke and heart failure patients.

"Together with our University colleagues and critical access partner hospitals, we seek to optimize the health care experience in western Montana," Knapp said.

Tom Seekins, director of the Rural Institute's Research Unit, said the project is part of a larger effort to ensure that patients get the treatment that has the greatest chance of achieving the outcomes they want.

"Studies have shown that the cost of re-hospitalization is one of the highest avoidable costs in medicine – one that medical providers, hospitals and insurers are trying to control," Seekins said.

Researchers at Boston University demonstrated that a re-engineered discharge process improved patient care and reduced costs. Those researchers were careful to note, however, that their model worked well in a large city where the resources and people are close, but a different approach would be needed in rural areas.

"Say you have a hip replacement and the surgery goes well," Seekins said. "But you are sent home without a plan that takes into account that you will need help caring for an elderly parent who lives with you, and something happens that sends you back to the hospital. That can be very expensive for everyone. But if you have a plan that takes such demands into account, you're more likely to heal successfully."

Raveslout said the project is designed to develop and test an innovative discharge planning process. The first part of their research will involve talking to patients in the target communities to learn about their experiences and the degree to which their needs were met. Then, a design team – made up of representatives from the rural towns and hospitals, the Montana Hospital Association and Montana State University – will use the data to engineer a new rural model for testing.

"We will get the patient perspective on what's important when you discharge back home," Raveslout said. "We want to design new components for discharge that are just as precise as any medical treatment."



The study is one of 51 projects totaling \$88.6 million approved for funding by PCORI's Board of Governors on May 6. All were selected through a highly competitive review process in which scientists, patients, caregivers, and other stakeholders helped to evaluate more than 400 applications for funding. Proposals were evaluated based on scientific merit, how well they engage patients and other stakeholders, their methodological rigor and how well they fit within PCORI's national research priorities.

The awards are part of PCORI's second cycle of primary research funding. This new round of funding follows PCORI's initial approval of \$40.7 million in support for 25 projects under the institute's national research priorities. All awards in this most recent round of funding were approved pending completion of a business and programmatic review by PCORI staff and issuance of a formal award contract. **More information is available at <http://www.pcori.org>.**

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About PCORI

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute is an independent, nonprofit organization authorized by Congress in 2010. Its mission is to fund research to provide patients, their caregivers and clinicians with the evidence-based information needed to make better-informed health care decisions. PCORI is committed to continuously seeking input from a broad range of stakeholders to guide its work.

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# UM NEWS



May 17, 2013

**MISSOULA** – Though the skies are wet and gray, the University of Montana's 116th Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 18, are still on schedule.

The general ceremony for UM's professional schools, the College of Arts and Sciences and Missoula College will begin at 10 a.m. in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The stadium opens at 8 a.m., and guests should be seated in the westside seating area by 9:30 a.m. No tickets are required.

If there is significant rain, graduating students and faculty may line up inside the Adams Center at 8:30 a.m. instead of on the Oval. President Royce Engstrom will make that call tomorrow at 7:30 a.m.

More than 1,000 seats within various facilities will be available for family members who wish to watch the general ceremony indoors. The ceremony will be live streamed at <http://www.umt.edu/commencement/>.

Individual department and college ceremonies that were scheduled outside will be held indoors if there is significant rain. Students already should be aware of the alternative locations. Individual ceremonies for the College of Arts and Sciences and Missoula College begin at noon. Individual ceremonies for professional schools begin at 2 p.m.

More information about UM Commencement events is available on the Registrar's Office website at <http://www.umt.edu/registrar/students/GraduationInfo1.aspx>.

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**MISSOULA** – University Dining Services at the University of Montana recently received a gold medal in the 2013 Sustainability Awards from the National Association of College and University Food Services.

The award honors UDS for exemplary work in sustainable procurement practices through the UM Farm to College Program, led by UDS Director of Sustainability and Procurement Ian Finch.

The annual award recognizes member institutions that demonstrate outstanding leadership in the promotion and implementation of environmental sustainability. It also recognizes the critical role that dining services plays in reaching the overall sustainability goals on campus and the unique challenge of providing exceptional guest service and generating revenue while minimizing environmental impact.

UDS received the top award for the Farm to College Program’s innovative procurement practices that benefit the triple bottom line of sustainability – people, planet and profit – through local food purchasing and a prioritization of sustainably produced goods.

These efforts have resulted in 31 percent of the UDS food purchases, or more \$1.14 million, redirected to 120 local farmers, ranchers and small businesses, in addition to a smaller portion going to products that are produced sustainably outside Montana.

UDS also pioneered hyper-local programs grow seasonal produce in on-campus gardens with a year-round growing program that uses a passive-solar composting greenhouse and an indoor aquaponics growing system within the campus dining hall, the Food Zoo.

UDS also was recognized for creating systems that increased demand for local procurement through a central commissary where local foods are bulk purchased, processed and stored, as well as the creation of the 406 Grill, a local-foods hamburger restaurant in the University Center.

More information on the Farm to College Program is available online at [http://life.umt.edu/dining/sustainability/FTC\\_2013\\_onward.php](http://life.umt.edu/dining/sustainability/FTC_2013_onward.php).

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# UM NEWS



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**MISSOULA** – University of Montana Presidential Leadership Scholarships have been awarded to 24 exceptional incoming UM freshmen. The scholarships recognize outstanding talent, academic performance, leadership and contribution to the community.

This year’s scholarship winners were chosen from a field of more than 300 qualified applicants. Scholarship recipients become members of UM’s Davidson Honors College and receive a four-year tuition waiver plus an additional \$5,000 to \$7,500 per year.

Montana’s crop of 2013 Presidential Leadership Scholars are Madison Drake, Madison Schwarzkoph and McKenzie Watterson of Billings; Caleb Chestnut and Lucy Tompkins of Bozeman; Travis Glenn and Katherine Shea of Helena; Roman Chinikaylo, Rachel Dickson, Meaghan Gaul, Stacia Hill, Ellen Ipsen, Levi Kindred, Mackenzie Lombardi, Claire Michelson, Ashlin Staso of Missoula; and Eli Nordstrom of Red Lodge.

Seven Presidential Leadership Scholars will come to UM from other states. They are Emily Leonhardt of Rocklin, Calif.; Aspen Peifer of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ryann Carlson of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; Katherine Sussman of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Gavan Borgias of Ashland, Ore.; Mariah McIntosh of Corvallis, Ore.; and Clare Vergobbi of Salt Lake City.

“We have recruited an impressive group of students for this prestigious scholarship program,” said James McKusick, dean of the Davidson Honors College. “These students will contribute to the entire campus through their aspiration of academic excellence and their engagement in leadership and service. We expect tremendous accomplishments from them.”

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# UM NEWS



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## English Language Institute at UM Celebrates 20 Years

**MISSOULA** – The English Language Institute of the Office of International Programs at the University of Montana recently celebrated of 20 years on campus. The program, which currently serves 250 students from more than 40 countries each year, had humble beginnings in UM's Linguistics Department in 1993, helping one student for two weeks.

Veteran ELI Instructor Lee Ann Millar recalls that she returned from Japan in April 1993 and spent some time with her family in California. Former ELI Director Robert Hausmann called Millar, to ask if she could be "in Missoula by Monday."

When she arrived, Millar began working with student Yoko Nishioka from Japan. They met for a few hours a day in the living room of Hausmann's home, across the street from campus.

"We soon were joined by a Turkish student, Mahmut Aydin," Millar said. "By the summer of 1993, we were able to run a full class – complete with classroom – 15 hours a week on campus."

ELI enrollment continued to grow, eventually moving to the International Center and the Office of International Programs as a nonacademic unit.

The institute currently boasts seven full-time and two part-time instructors, a director, program coordinator and program assistant. In addition to regular English language and academic instruction courses, ELI offers year-round programs for teachers, high school students and professional groups.



Many ELI graduates stay at UM for undergraduate or graduate degrees and contribute immensely to the cultural and linguistic diversity on campus.

"I'm proud of the positive contributions the English Language Institute continues to make to internationalizing our University," said ELI Director Sandra Janusch.

Expansion and development continue at ELI, as the program hopes to offer certificate courses for international graduate teaching assistants, a pre-master's bridge program and innovative short-term courses in English for international professionals.

This winter, ELI was one of only two university programs in the country awarded a grant to host the Hubert H. Humphrey Long-term English Program, offered by the Department of State Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs.

"UM is such a kind and friendly place for learning English," said Chieh-ling Tseng, a former ELI student from Taiwan. "Not only the staff at ELI, but the other students are very patient with other international students. UM has served for 20 years as an excellent place for international students from all over the world to develop their English language skills, learn about American culture and prepare themselves for academic studies at UM and elsewhere in the U.S."

For more information call Janusch at 406-243-2334, email [sandra.janusch@umontana.edu](mailto:sandra.janusch@umontana.edu) or visit <http://www.umt.edu/ip/eli/>.

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**Photo cutline:** UM Office of Foreign Student and Scholar Services Director Effie Koehn, left, and Director for Study Abroad and Student Exchange Marja Unkari-Chaudhry, right, dance during the English Language Institute's 20th anniversary celebration in early May.

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# UM NEWS



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**MISSOULA** – University of Montana administrators are considering two sites for the new Missoula College building, President Royce C. Engstrom announced Thursday, May 16.

In addition to the South Campus site, the University will consider a location on University-owned property across the Clark Fork River, he said. The East Broadway property is immediately east of UM's Montana Technology Enterprise Center (MonTEC) facility on a seven-acre parcel of land.

"We believe this site has similar attributes to the South Campus site," Engstrom said.

He noted it includes space for a building and adequate parking, service by existing bus routes and connectivity to infrastructure such as water, sewer and power. The East Broadway location, like the South Campus site, also satisfies the conditions of developing on University-owned land in close proximity to the central Mountain Campus, he said.

South Campus remains a viable option for the new Missoula College building.

"As we move forward, consideration of both the South Campus location and the East Broadway location will proceed," Engstrom said.

This spring the Montana Legislature appropriated \$29 million to fund a new Missoula College building, with a required match of \$3 million. On May 6, Gov. Steve Bullock signed into law legislation that will move Missoula College construction forward. Since that time, the commissioner of higher education and the University have discussed the siting of the Missoula College.

UM's Facilities Services department will oversee a feasibility study of the East Broadway site and will share that information in public forums.

"All along, the University has worked to involve the public in considering best options for a new Missoula College building that will best serve the community and our students," Engstrom said. "We will continue to do so as we move forward with this project."

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# UM NEWS



May 15, 2013

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana student Charlotte Leung recently was selected for the Hong Kong International Saxophone Symposium.

The symposium, which will be held in late July, is highly selective and receives auditions from applicants around the world. Leung, a freshman international student from Hong Kong, was selected for the symposium through a recorded audition.

During the symposium, Leung will study and perform with some of the finest concert saxophonists in the world, including Nobuya Sugawa, Kenneth Tse and Masato Kumoi.

“Charlotte is a talented student, but more importantly a hard-working student,” said Johan Eriksson, UM professor of saxophone and jazz studies. “She is improving at an incredible rate. She has a great sense of humor and quickly has become a valued peer among the saxophonists at UM.”

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**Photo cutline:** Freshman Charlotte Leung holds her saxophone outside the UM Music Building.

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# UM NEWS



May 14, 2013

**MISSOULA** – Immediate past president of the American Bar Association Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III will deliver the Commencement speech during the University of Montana School of Law graduation ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

This is a return to UM for Robinson, who was a speaker at the law school's Centennial Gala in 2011. Robinson has served as immediate past president of the ABA since August 2012, after serving a one-year term as president of the professional organization.

Robinson is a member-in-charge of the northern Kentucky offices of Frost Brown Todd LLC, a regional law firm with offices in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia and Indiana.

Over a 40-year career in law, he has served as ABA treasurer and on the ABA Board of Governors, and spent nine years as the Kentucky state delegate on the ABA nominating committee. He also has served as president of the Kentucky Bar Association, the Kentucky Bar Foundation and the National Caucus of State Bar Associations. He was founding chair of Kentucky's Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts.

Robinson is a graduate of Thomas More College and the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame in 2004. More information on Robinson is available at <http://www.abanow.org/reporter-resources/officer-bios/william-t-robinson-biography/>.

For more information on the UM School of Law graduation, call Carla Caballero-Jackson, director of external relations for the law school, at 406-243-6254 or email [carla.caballero-jackson@umontana.edu](mailto:carla.caballero-jackson@umontana.edu).



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# UM NEWS



May 13, 2013

**MISSOULA** – Hawthorne Elementary, a Missoula County Public School, will hold its annual Kindergarten Roundup from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15.

The roundup, organized and directed by Principal Becky Sorenson, is a program that gives prospective kindergarteners and their parents and guardians an opportunity to meet with future teachers and learn about the school they will attend in the fall.

This year, the University of Montana teamed up with Hawthorne Elementary to offer an additional service to pre-kindergarteners and their families. As part of the SHAPE P-20 initiative, a comprehensive grant funded by The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, representatives from the University's Department of Curriculum and Instruction will administer an early-literacy assessment of all incoming Hawthorne elementary kindergarteners.

"The comprehensive nature of SHAPE P-20 allows UM and MCPS to work collaboratively to improve the outcomes for students, to ensure students are actively engaged in their learning, and to graduate with the skills they need to thrive in the 21st century," said Trent Atkins, a UM professor with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. "This particular pre-kindergarten initiative is an effort to prepare children to be successful in school from the first day of kindergarten."

Each student's early literacy assessment results will be provided to their parents and Hawthorne Elementary kindergarten teaching staff. The results also will inform a new pre-kindergarten literacy program that MCPS and UM will roll out this summer.

"The initiative will provide families the tools and the specific information they need, in the most convenient forms possible, to take increased responsibility for ensuring children are ready to read when they begin school," Atkins said.

The new program will provide electronic literacy resources to elementary students and their families, as well as targeted literacy interventions for students in need. Educators have future plans to expand the pre-kindergarten assessments to additional academic areas with the goal of targeting instruction to incoming kindergarteners in all Missoula County elementary schools.

For more information about the roundup or for a more detailed schedule, call Atkins at 406-243-4978.

SHAPE P-20 is a partnership between UM and MCPS that strive to transform the relationships among classrooms, schools, and student and teacher experiences from preschool to the doctorate level.

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# UM NEWS



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May 13, 2013

**MISSOULA** – An all-new edition of the popular MontanaPBS travelogue program “Backroads of Montana” will premiere at 8 p.m. Monday, May 20.

The program, which seeks out interesting people and takes viewers on virtual tours of Montana’s lesser-known attractions, profiles an eastern Montana man whose passion for art literally has spread all over the town of Forsyth. However, Bob Watts has become better known for a different set of paintings, and it is not what he paints, but how he paints that gives him the notoriety.

Each summer Polson holds the Flathead Cherry Festival. “Backroads” followed some young competitors who bit right in to the cherry-pit-spitting and cherry-pie-eating contests.

Local residents in north-central Montana guided the “Backroads” crew into the Sweet Grass Hills, an unexpected natural wonder rising out of the prairie northwest of Havre. They explored a limestone cave that symbolizes why the hills are special to area residents and sacred to several American Indian tribes.

The program ends with a story that pits legitimacy against compassion. Virgil Stewart of Hobson began his dental practice in 1912 during an era when most rural Montanans could not afford such care. But ‘Doc’ Stewart couldn’t turn anyone away. For 50 years he filled and straightened teeth, often receiving nothing more than a chicken, some flour or an appreciative handshake. But he also battled for his right to help out his sore-toothed neighbors.

William Marcus, director of MontanaPBS, hosts the program from the Blaine County Museum and the Blaine County Wildlife Museum in Chinook, and the Wakhpa Chu’gn Archaeological Site – a buffalo jump – on the western edge of Havre.

MontanaPBS is a collaborative service of the University of Montana and Montana State University. Check local listings for channel.

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# UM NEWS



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May 13, 2013

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana students Erin Hastey and Hudson Spivey recently won the 2013 undergraduate and graduate Richard Drake Writing Awards.

The award, named for UM history Professor Richard Drake, was established in 2012 to honor excellence in writing in the humanities – specifically history, literature, philosophy, religion, politics and the classics. Students apply for the award by submitting a paper dealing with any theme based on a humanistic discipline.

Hastey, a junior from **Plumas Lake, Calif.**, majoring in English, communication studies and German, won the undergraduate award for the paper “The Misconceptions of Monotheism: Reconciling the Theology and Narrative of John Milton.”

Spivey, a graduate student in the Environmental Studies Program from **Mooreville, N.C.**, won the graduate award for the paper “Empiricism and Empire: John Wesley Powell and the Scientific Conquest of the American West.”

The award, which comes with a \$750 prize, is made possible by the generous donation of Helen Cappadocia in honor of Drake.

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# UM NEWS

May 10, 2013

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana assistant professors Daisy Rooks and Tobin Shearer will receive the 2013 Helen and Winston Cox Educational Excellence Award at UM's 116th Commencement on Saturday, May 18.

Rooks teaches in the Department of Sociology. Students describe her classes as interesting, stimulating and challenging, while colleagues admire the variety of teaching innovations she implements in her courses.

Her class Inequality and Social Justice is a service-learning course taught onsite at the Poverello Center, a homeless shelter in Missoula. In the class, Rooks teaches her students about poverty and homelessness, how to conduct qualitative research and the value of serving one's community.

Outside the classroom, Rooks played a key role in the development of the Global Leadership Initiative – a central component of the University's strategic plan – as well as the Pedagogy Project, a faculty-development program.

Shearer teaches in the Department of History and is director of the African American Studies program. His courses include Prayer and Civil Rights; The Black Radical Tradition; and African American Religious Experience: Voodoo, Muslim, Church: Black Religion.

Students remark that while the subject matter challenges them to think in new ways, Shearer himself, through encouragement, enthusiasm and approachability, inspires intellectual growth and an examination of beliefs. His use of props in class – a sacred clay pot, Grizzly football footage and a ransom note from a fictitious communist agency claiming to have kidnapped Shearer – all serve a purpose and role in his classes.

Shearer also has helped establish a teaching community at UM as founder of the Pedagogy Project, which encourages reflection and discussion about teaching at the University.



The Helen and Winston Cox Educational Award is given annually to UM faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences who are not yet tenured. The prestigious award helps the college attract and retain high-quality faculty. Award winners exhibit superior teaching skills and dedication to advising and mentoring students. The award is the highest honor given by the College of Arts and Sciences for early career faculty.

The award was established by the Cox children to honor their parents. Winston Cox was a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse and an oil man.

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# UM NEWS



May 09, 2013

**MISSOULA** – Nearly 3,000 graduates and degree candidates are invited to participate in the University of Montana's 116th Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 18, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Events kick off at 7:30 a.m. with a free continental breakfast for degree candidates, graduates, their families and faculty hosted by UM President Royce Engstrom in the University Center Atrium.

The general ceremony for UM's professional schools, the College of Arts and Sciences and Missoula College will begin at 10 a.m. in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The stadium opens at 8 a.m., and guests should be seated in the westside seating area by 9:30 a.m. No tickets are required.

Jim Messina, the architect of President Barack Obama's successful campaign for re-election and UM alumnus, will deliver this year's Commencement address.

During Commencement, UM will present Honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters to Sue and John Talbot of Missoula. The Talbots earned the honor for their constant efforts to enhance educational opportunities for UM students and their tireless efforts in the Missoula community and Montana.

Students will meet at 8:45 a.m. on the UM Oval to line up for the general ceremony and should look for signs to locate their departments. Faculty members, students and the platform party will begin a formal march from the Oval to Washington-Grizzly Stadium at 9:30 a.m.

The ceremony will be live streamed at <http://www.umt.edu/commencement/>.

Following the general Commencement ceremony, attendees will disperse to various campus locations for individual departmental and college ceremonies. Individual ceremonies for the College of Arts and Sciences and Missoula College begin at noon. Individual ceremonies for professional schools begin at 2 p.m.

Shuttles to and from campus will run from 7:25 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. from the South Campus and East Broadway Park-N-Ride lots.

More information about UM Commencement events is available on the Registrar's Office website at <http://www.umt.edu/registrar/students/GraduationInfo1.aspx>.

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# UM NEWS



May 09, 2013

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana freshman Peregrine Frissell has received a four-week Fulbright UK Summer Institutes Scholarship to study journalism and broadcasting at Nottingham Trent University.

Frissell, a Davidson Honors College student from Polson, is a pre-journalism major with a minor in climate change studies. He will begin the program in July.

The Fulbright Commission Nottingham Trent Summer Institute is a cultural and academic program for freshmen and sophomore students from the U.S. The theme of the institute is creativity, culture, history and heritage.

The US-UK Educational Commission was founded in 1948 to foster mutual cultural understanding through educational exchange between both nations. The program is funded by the U.S. and U.K. governments and individual and institutional partners. Named for U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright, the global Fulbright Program is one of the most prestigious award programs in the world, operating in more than 150 countries.

For more information call Laure Pengelly Drake, director of external scholarships and advising with the UM Davidson Honors College, at 406-243-6140 or email [laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu](mailto:laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu). More information on the program is available online at <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk/undergraduates>.

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# UM NEWS



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May 08, 2013

**MISSOULA** –The University of Montana will host the ninth annual “Air Toxics Under the Big Sky” science symposium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, in the North Underground Lecture Hall. Co-hosted by UM’s Center for Environmental Health Sciences and Department of Chemistry, this annual event showcases high school student research on indoor air quality.

This year’s symposium features oral and poster presentations by students from schools throughout Montana and Alaska. As part of the CEHS Science Education Partnership Award, the Air Toxics program encourages students to collaboratively research real-world problems involving air pollution, and then effectively communicate the research to their peers, teachers, university mentors and the public.

Also as part of the Air Toxics program, UM scientists support professional development for teachers as an important strategy to promote biomedical science training and careers in STEM fields – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the National Institutes of Health’s Office of Research Infrastructure Programs provide major funding for the symposium.

“This symposium serves as an important regional gathering for high school students, educators and community groups interested in creative problem solving aimed at environmental health issues,” said Tony Ward, UM associate professor for CEHS.

More information is available online at <http://cehsweb.health.umt.edu/education/k-12/air-toxics>.

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# UM NEWS



May 08, 2013

**MISSOULA** – A University of Montana communication studies class recently awarded Learning by Giving grants to three local nonprofits. The Philanthropy and Social Entrepreneurship class granted a total of \$10,000 to Mountain Home Montana, the Missoula Food Bank and Garden City Harvest.

The class focused on awarding the grants to nonprofits that operate within Missoula County and address the needs of the elderly, homeless and hungry. Organizations submitted grant proposals earlier this year for a minimum of \$2,500 and a maximum of \$5,000.

Mountain Home Montana will receive \$2,500 for their life-skills program, which helps young, homeless mothers develop independent life skills. The Missoula Food Bank will receive \$4,500 to fund their ROOTS Program, which provides fresh produce to low-income seniors and families in the community each month. Garden City Harvest will receive \$3,000 for their youth development program, which hires at-risk youth to grow, harvest and distribute the produce from their farm to low-income seniors and community members.

The Philanthropy and Social Entrepreneurship course at UM teaches students about social responsibility and community building as a means to address and resolve social issues. Students study the role of philanthropy and giving strategies to meet local needs.

A grant award ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Davidson Honors College in the Ephron Student Lounge.

For more information visit <http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce/LearningbyGiving.htm>, call UM Office for Civic Engagement Director Andrea Vernon at 406-243-5159 or email [andrea.vernon@umontana.edu](mailto:andrea.vernon@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



May 08, 2013

**MISSOULA** – UM's School of Business Administration students continue to knock the Business Major Field Test out of the park. Thirty-one students graduating with the spring 2013 class scored at or higher than the 90th percentile, with the entire class scoring in the 94th percentile overall.

The Business Major Field Test, administered by 585 universities nationwide, measures critical knowledge and understanding obtained by students and offers UM's SoBA a way to evaluate its students' performance and the program's effectiveness against similar institutions around the country.

The exam covers a broad set of topics including accounting, economics, management, quantitative business analysis, information systems, finance, marketing, legal and social environment and international issues.

Eric Steen, a senior graduating in finance, had the high score, placing in the 99th percentile.

The following students were top scorers on the spring 2013 exam:

- Vaso Ballis
- Trista Berget
- Casey Berish
- Sidney Boruszak
- Samantha Brunson
- Frank Cavuoto
- Stuart Clemow
- Kimberly Croft
- Chelsea Deardorff
- Michael Facey
- Charles Gassaway
- Shannon Gilskey
- Greg Heidner
- Matt Hemmer
- Bradley Huber
- Desiree James
- Luke Jenkins
- Nathan Johnson
- Ethan Lee
- Ben Lodge
- Kyle Marshall
- Ryan Maxwell
- Kelly McCann
- Marissa Olson
- Joshua Pelczar
- Ryan Roeder
- Dexter Shankle
- Eric Steen
- Lianli Wang
- Chris Wisherd
- Ashley Woodworth

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# UM NEWS



May 08, 2013

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana ranks No. 7 on the Peace Corps' 2013 list of top Master's International programs. There are now 17 UM Master's International students making a difference overseas through Peace Corps service.

Established in 1992, the UM Master's International program allows students to earn their graduate degrees while serving in the Peace Corps. Since 1992, 49 UM students have completed the program.

"We couldn't be more proud of this ranking," said Brad Haas, UM's Peace Corps campus representative. "It shows many students take advantage of a great program that enhances their graduate education while allowing them to make a difference in the world."

UM offers students two fields in which to pursue graduate-level work through the Master's International program. Through the Intercultural Youth and Family Development program and the College of Forestry and Conservation, students are given unique opportunities to work toward their degree while working abroad.

Alyse Butler is a UM student who serves as a community youth development volunteer in Mongolia. She said, "I was prepared for development work in general by reading about and discussing development agencies, what they do, and how they do it, and I was prepared for youth work in particular by learning about the best practices for working with youth both in my culture and in others."

UM also ranked No. 12 on the Peace Corps' 2013 list of top colleges. Since 1961, 798 UM alumni have served in the Peace Corps, with 27 currently serving overseas. The University also has a Peace Corps Prep program, which offers students a way to gain a competitive advantage by taking part in a curriculum that meets both the needs of their degree while teaching them skills valuable to service in the Peace Corps.

"Every year, hundreds of Peace Corps volunteers make a difference by combining meaningful service with graduate studies through Peace Corps' Master's International and Coverdell Fellows programs," said Peace Corps Deputy Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet. "After completing Peace Corps service, volunteers return to the United States as global citizens, with leadership, cross-cultural understanding, and language and technical skills that position them for success in today's global job market."

The Coverdell Fellows program provides returned Peace Corps volunteers with scholarships, academic credit and stipends to earn an advanced degree after they complete their service.

"The University of Montana has established excellent opportunities through its Master's International programs," said Peace Corps West Coast Regional Manager Janet Allen. "The world benefits from those who have chosen to include Peace Corps volunteer service as part of their graduate studies at the University of Montana."

The following are the top 10 Master's International programs. The number in parentheses represents the number of students enrolled in the program and serving overseas as of Sept. 30, 2012.

1. Michigan Technological University (35)
2. Tulane University (29)
3. Monterey Institute of International Studies (26)
4. University of Denver (25)
5. University of South Florida (24)
6. University of Washington (22)
7. University of Montana (17)
8. Illinois State University (15)

9. George Mason University (14)

10. Florida State University (13)

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# UM NEWS



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May 07, 2013

**MISSOULA** –Three University of Montana graduate students will depart for India on May 14 to work with Indian students and faculty on a research exchange.

The three UM students, all Native Americans, will study issues related to climate change and socioeconomic change in tribal populations in India. In the fall, three Indian graduate students will come to UM for six weeks to learn about tribal culture in Montana. The three UM students are Kim Paul of Browning, Clay Burnett of Arlee and Miranda Laber of St. Ignatius.

Paul is an enrolled member of the Amskapi Pikuni Blackfeet Tribe and also is Northern Cree and Shoshone. She is working toward her master's in environmental chemistry, Native American studies and biomedical sciences. Burnett is a member of the Blackfeet Tribe and is earning his MBA. Laber is a first-generation descendant of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and Blackfeet Nation and is studying indigenous education and film.

The United States-India Educational Foundation's Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative funded this joint research. The grant originally was awarded to Michael Caballos, former director of UM's Native American Research Lab. When Caballos left UM, the project was reconfigured to focus on tribal regions in the Himalaya.

UM Professor Keith Bosak of the College of Forestry and Conservation and Professor Sarah Halvorson, chair of the Department of Geography, are co-principal investigators on the grant. UM's Native American Research Laboratory Director Aaron Thomas and faculty members Bill Holben, Kimber McKay, Uli Kamp and Derek Kellenberg also are involved.

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# UM NEWS

May 07, 2013

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana’s chapter of the Golden Key International Honor Society will host a book drive May 13-17. Unneeded books can be donated from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.at drop boxes on the second floor of The Bookstore and from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at The Source in the University Center.

The books will be donated to Better World Books, a company that collects and sells books online to fund literacy initiatives worldwide. Better World Books has helped fund programs such as Books for Africa, the National Center for Family Literacy, Room to Read and Worldfund.

The book drive is sponsored by the UM Chapter of the Golden Key International Honor Society. The Golden Key Honor Society is an international nonprofit organization focused on academics, leadership and service. The UM Chapter is one of more than 400 across the U.S. and throughout the world.

For more information call Erin Helmholtz, public relations officer for the UM Golden Key International Honor Society, at 425-577-9995, email [erin.helmholtz@umconnect.umt.edu](mailto:erin.helmholtz@umconnect.umt.edu) or visit <http://www.betterworldbooks.com>.

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# UM NEWS



May 07, 2013

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana Russian Program continues to shine this year, with two students recently capturing top prizes in a national Russian-language essay contest. Dakota Whisler received a second-place silver medal and Justin Davis received honorable mention in the second-year nonheritage learners category of the annual American Council of Teachers of Russian National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest.

The UM Russian Program, within the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, has produced strong majors in Russian language, literature and culture in recent years. Justin Trifiro, who received a bronze medal in NPSREC last year, currently is studying at Saint Petersburg State University in Russia on a prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. He will attend a graduate program in Slavic at the University of Southern California next year, where he was awarded a five-year scholarship worth \$30,000 per year.

Two Russian Program students also recently were offered Fulbright Scholarships to teach English overseas next year: Greta Starrett of Winnetka, Ill., to teach in Georgia; and Mark Jackson of Minnetonka, Minn., to teach in Kazakhstan.

Whisler, of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Davis, of Shelby and Missoula, both are second-year Russian students at UM. During the contest, they wrote short responses in Russian with no dictionary or assistance on the topic "Compare yourself to who you were four years ago. What has changed? What has stayed the same?"

More than 900 essays were submitted from the top Russian students at 55 universities, colleges and institutions. Judges in Russia then ranked the submissions. Only two second-level students in the country were ranked above Whisler, and very few writers receive an honorable mention like Davis.

"The success of our students in the annual Russian essay contest and in earning prestigious grants and fellowships like U.S. State Department Critical Language Scholarships, Gilman Scholarships, Fulbrights and the highly competitive Boren Scholarship, speaks to the high quality of our program and our students," said Clint Walker, assistant professor of Russian. "My colleague, Ona Renner-Fahey, and I work very hard as teachers and mentors, and we couldn't be more proud of our talented students."

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**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana and Salish Kootenai College will co-host the College Board's Native American Student Advocacy Institute's national conference May 30-31.

The conference theme is "Educating Native Youth for Success: Many Nations, One Vision." It will take place on UM's main campus on Thursday, May 30, and at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo on Friday, May 31. Transportation to and from Pablo will be included in the conference registration fee.

Joyce Silverthorne, director of the U.S. Office of Indian Education, will deliver the opening plenary titled "Opening the Doors for Native Students." Silverthorne is a UM alumna and the nation's lead official on Native American education. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in business education with a minor in Native American studies and a master's in education leadership, all at UM.

The first day of the conference also will feature a plenary luncheon titled "Financing a Future – Making College Affordable for Native Students," and an afternoon plenary with a panel of Montana tribal college presidents who will discuss the strengths and challenges of interacting with other higher education systems. All attendees also are invited to an evening networking reception.

The second day of the conference will include a morning plenary titled "Moving Beyond the Asterisk – Speaking with the Authors," where authors of a new publication will explore the challenges faced by Native American students, and a closing plenary titled "Through the Post-secondary Door – Success Strategies for Native American Students." Concurrent sessions will occur throughout both days of the conference.

Conference registration is available online at <https://apps2.collegeboard.com/olrWebApp/meetingDetail.do?meetingID=0371305301>.

For more information visit <http://nasai.collegeboard.org/>, call UM's Director of American Indian Student Services Fredricka Hunter at 406-243-6352 or email [fredricka.hunter@mso.umt.edu](mailto:fredricka.hunter@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM NEWS



May 06, 2013

**MISSOULA** – In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, the public is asked to participate in a nationwide photography competition that illustrates the sheer majesty, diversity and value of America’s wilderness areas. Submissions are open through Sept. 3, 2013, and winning images will be shown in a 2014 exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

The professionally juried contest is sponsored by Nature’s Best Photography, the Smithsonian and Wilderness50, of which the University of Montana’s Wilderness Institute is a leading member. About 50 winning entries will be displayed in the exhibit.

Photos must be taken in a legislatively designated wilderness area. A list of all wilderness areas is available online at <http://www.wilderness.net>. Photo categories include scenic landscape, wildlife, people in wilderness and most inspirational moment.

Photographers also are encouraged to submit a personal written, audio or video story along with their images. Stories may convey the meaning behind the images, the photographer’s memory or personal experiences related to the images, or general feelings about wilderness or nature photography.

“Photography delivers immediate and long-lasting impact,” said Nature’s Best Photography Editor-in-Chief Steve Freligh. “What better way to celebrate the beauty and diversity of nature than through the eyes of the public and their shared experiences in our wilderness areas?”

A complete list of entry guidelines is available at <http://www.naturesbestphotography.com/wilderness.php>. For more information call Wilderness50 Media/Publicity Chair Lisa Eidson at 406-396-3607 or email [lisa@wilderness.net](mailto:lisa@wilderness.net).

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# UM NEWS



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May 06, 2013

**MISSOULA, Mont.** – Eight undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Montana have received Fulbright Scholarship award notifications for the coming year.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Placing students in research and teaching positions in 155 countries, the program is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and the rest of the world. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

The students who received award notifications for study or research grants are:

- Sophia Albov of Sacramento, Calif., to study geography in Finland;
- Laura Ginsburg of Sarasota, Fla., to study agriculture in New Zealand;
- and Burke Jam of Red Lodge, to study installation art in Iceland.

The students who received award notifications for English teaching assistantships are:

- Paul Asleson of Billings, to teach in Germany;
- Julie DeSoto of Choteau, to teach in Jordan;
- Mark Jackson of Minnetonka, Minn., to teach in Kazakhstan;
- Alice Krebill of Bozeman, to teach in Germany;
- and Greta Starrett of Winnetka, Ill., to teach in Georgia.

Proposals for 2014-15 Fulbright Scholarships are due to the UM Fulbright Program on Sept. 17, 2013. Students interested in submitting a proposal can call UM Fulbright Program Adviser Liz Ametsbichler at 406-243-5001 or email [liz.ametsbichler@mso.umt.edu](mailto:liz.ametsbichler@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM NEWS

May 03, 2013

**MISSOULA** – Each year Sustainable Campus Committee recognizes a student, an administrator, a faculty member and a staff member for outstanding participation in creating a sustainable campus with the Greening UM Award.

This year’s awardees are:

- Katie Nelson, an environmental studies student, is the director of the Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology (FLAT). She is recognized for her advocacy of sustainable living within the community on and off campus.
- Robin Saha, associate professor of environmental studies, is recognized for his leadership with the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund and involving students in service learning and community engagement.
- Ian Finch is the Farm to College Program coordinator of University Dining Services, whose vision and leadership have helped to significantly mitigate the environmental impact of campus dining through partnerships with local farmers, on-campus gardening and educational programs for students.
- Jim Burchfield, dean of the College of Forestry and Conservation, is an advocate for sustainability in the classroom and on campus. He promotes field-based learning that builds University and community relationships. Burchfield understands the connection between forest health and energy issues and promotes common solutions.

Greening UM is a coalition representing all UM sustainability initiatives. The Sustainable Campus Committee was established in 2002. The committee was established to guide and document UM’s efforts in meeting the goals of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). The committee monitors compliance with ACUPCC and advises the presidents on how to create a sustainable campus. The ACUPCC requires UM to account for and reduce its carbon footprint, as well as infuse sustainability throughout the curriculum. The committee also publishes an annual State of the Sustainable Campus report, which is presented each Earth Week.

For more information call Cherie Peacock, UM Office of Sustainability director, at 406-243-6001 or email [cherie.peacock@umontana.edu](mailto:cherie.peacock@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



May 03, 2013

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana students and faculty collaborated across disciplines to create a multimedia piece featuring narration, computer music, dance and animation that artistically translates how the sounds of the rivers influence waterway ecosystems.

“Sounds of Rivers: Stone Drum,” which will be showcased in the annual UM “Dance in Concert” production, illustrates how science and fine arts can come together to document valuable research and tell a compelling story.

UM Flathead Lake Biological Station Associate Professor Mark Lorang records the sounds of rivers in Montana as part of his geomorphology research. The natural symphony of sounds, which serve as a guide and map for the ecosystems surrounding waterways, appeals to a greater human desire to understand rivers in a personal way.

“I think everybody wants to relate to rivers,” Lorang said. “What they sound like, what they look like, what’s underneath. There’s been poetry written about babbling brooks for thousands of years. There’s more interest in a river than the physics of the sediment transport or the flow hydraulics.”

Lorang and Stephen Kalm, dean of the UM College of Visual and Performing Arts, started a dialogue about the artistic potential for his research. When composer and UM School of Music Associate Professor Charles Nichols got involved, the project really took off.

The final product is a breathtaking multimedia show featuring computer music composed by Nichols; poetry written by renowned local poet Mark Gibbons and narrated by Kalm; digital animation by UM School of Media Arts master’s candidate and adjunct instructor Amber Bushnell; and dance choreographed by UM School of Theatre & Dance Associate Professor Nicole Bradley Browning and performed by student Allison Herther.

The piece features a complex interconnectedness of the different media. Nichols’ composition combines processing of the poetry’s text and different aspects of the river’s sound to control the pitch, speed and pressure of a digital violin performance. During the show, he will perform live electric violin to correspond with music mentioned in Gibbon’s poem. While the sound swirls around the audience, it also connects to Bushnell’s computer animation, influencing the color and movement of the images that play across a large screen and on Herther’s flowing white gown, which spans the entire stage.



The grand scale of the production speaks to the passion across campus for research and artistic expression.

“Mark’s research and his approach to his research are inspirational,” Nichols said. “And his enthusiasm for collaborating with our artists to illuminate that research for the public is exciting and contagious. It allowed me to collaborate with artists I’ve wanted to work with since moving to UM.”

“Dance in Concert,” which also features other performances by UM students and faculty, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, May 8-11, in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Tickets cost \$20 for the public, \$16 for seniors and students and \$10 for children age 12 and younger. They are available for purchase at the UMArts Box Office in the PAR/TV Center Lobby from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and one hour before the show, or by calling 406-243-4581.

For more information on “Sounds of Rivers,” call Nichols at 406-243-5360 or email [charles.nichols@umontana.edu](mailto:charles.nichols@umontana.edu).

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**Photo cutline:** UM student Allison Herther performs “Sounds of Rivers: Stone Drum.” Photo by UM journalism student Amelia Hufsmith.

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# UM NEWS



May 02, 2013

**MISSOULA** – The Off-Campus Renter Center at the University of Montana has developed a new landlord review website to assist UM students with the rental process. The site is online at <http://umt.edu/ratemylandlord>.

This resource provides a venue for students to post and search reviews of area landlords and property management companies.

"The rental market in Missoula is tough, especially for students who may be new to the area or renting for the first time," said Katherine Brady, director of the renter center. "I think this will be a helpful tool to inform students of what to expect from a particular landlord or property management company before entering into a rental agreement with them."

The center, an organization of the Associated Students of UM, asks students to share their experiences with a particular landlord or property management company. Reviewers should consider overall quality of services, rental property condition, reliability, response to maintenance requests, move-out process and security deposit refund.

The website also includes a five-star rating system that student renters will use to rate their experience with each review that is submitted. The property management companies will be listed in order of ranking in the system so that students can see which companies receive the best reviews.

"We hope that enough student renters take a few minutes to submit a review so that this becomes a useful tool for those currently looking to secure housing for the summer and next semester," Brady said.

For more information call 406-243-2017 or visit <http://umt.edu/rentercenter>.

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May 02, 2013

**MISSOULA** – Newly released county population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau show significant growth in Montana’s northeastern oil patch, according to a University of Montana researcher.

Jim Sylvester, an economist at UM’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research, said that Richland County, which contains Sidney, was among the fastest growing counties in the country with estimated growth of 6.6 percent during the past year. Other nearby counties –Sheridan, Wibaux, Fallon, Roosevelt and Dawson – grew about 3 percent in the past year.

“Net in-migration was the driving factor for those counties influenced by the Bakken oil fields,” Sylvester said. “People are moving into these areas for jobs related to energy development and related services.”

Gallatin and Yellowstone counties led the growth in urban counties, with 1.4 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively. Lewis and Clark County grew about 1 percent, followed by Missoula (0.8 percent), Flathead (0.5 percent) and Ravalli (0.5 percent). Very little growth occurred in Butte-Silver Bow and Cascade counties.

Counties that experienced high rates of migration in the past decade (Gallatin, Flathead and Ravalli) had much lower rates of migration between 2011 and 2012. Natural increase, more births than deaths, was about the same as migration.

The U.S. Census Bureau uses births, deaths and estimates of migration from IRS records to estimate the population of states and counties on an annual basis.

**10 Montana counties with the largest population growth 2011-2012**

	2011	2012	Change	
			Percent	Numerical
Yellowstone County	149,907	151,882	1.3%	1,975
Gallatin County	91,354	92,614	1.4%	1,260
Missoula County	110,114	110,977	0.8%	863
Richland County	10,143	10,810	6.6%	667
Lewis and Clark County	64,240	64,876	1.0%	636
Flathead County	91,132	91,633	0.5%	501
Roosevelt County	10,544	10,927	3.6%	383
Dawson County	8,999	9,249	2.8%	250

Ravalli County	40,422	40,617	0.5%	195
Beaverhead County	9,191	9,346	1.7%	155
For more information contact UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research at <a href="tel:406-243-5113">406-243-5113</a> or visit <a href="http://www.bber.umt.edu/">http://www.bber.umt.edu/</a> .				
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# UM NEWS



May 02, 2013

MISSOULA – More than 1,600 students from all over the world recently competed in the semiannual Capsim Challenge to see who has the corporate intellect to be a winning CEO. University of Montana School of Business Administration graduate student Curtis Walette rose to the top of the competition, taking first place in the challenge.

Students from more than 20 countries competed in the online challenge, in which participants manage a simulation of a multimillion-dollar company. Walette, a Master of Business Administration candidate who lives in Billings, spent six to eight hours a day analyzing his business, strategizing his investments and “running” the company during the two-week semifinal competition in April.

Competitors managed a hypothetical company that developed sensors. They each started with \$5 million in cumulative profits and \$100 million in annual sales. But after starting in the same place, teams ended up in drastically different situations.

“It’s like a game of chess – everybody has the same pieces – but there’s a thousand pieces,” Walette said. “You develop your own strategy, invest in different departments of your company, train people and develop a financial structure.”

Following a simulated eight-year period that included a recession and labor negotiations, Walette ended the competition with about \$100 million in profits, \$250 million in sales and a final score nearly 100 points above his closest competitor. And just like in the real world of corporations, after dealing with curveball scenarios, some teams finished the competition “in the hole.”

Capsim is the world’s largest business simulation platform. More than 500 universities and corporations use the introductory Foundation or more complex Capstone programs. Walette used the Foundation program as an undergraduate business student at Montana State University-Billings, but this year competed in the Capstone competition, which is available to students through the UM School of Business Administration.

Walette will move to Missoula over the summer to begin autumn semester on campus and plans to graduate in spring 2014. While earning a bachelor’s in marketing and management at MSU-Billings, he considered joining the upper-management team at Wal-Mart, but decided to pursue an MBA with hopes of running his own company.

As an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Walette served as president of the MSU-Billings chapter of American Indian Business Leaders. He led a team that won AIBL awards and took third place in the annual John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition, hosted by UM’s business school.



That competitive experience paid off in the Capsim Challenge, and Walette attributes part of his success to seizing the right opportunities.

“I relied heavily on outside financing through the issuance of long-term bonds, current debt and stock, but did so in a way that maintained a responsible financial structure,” he said. “I also analyzed the competition and markets, noting strengths, weaknesses and opportunity. By year three, my strategy began to separate my company from those of my competitors and made mine the most profitable.”

Walette has a lot of time to consider the opportunities and pitfalls that arise through Capsim business simulations. He currently works as a teaching assistant for UM Associate Professor Shawn Clouse’s Integrative Business Simulation course, coaching 12 student teams through their own simulations.

“The simulations are designed to get students to think like executives,” Clouse said. “They play against each other in class and make decisions based on how other people play the game.”

When he starts on-campus classes in autumn, Walette again will serve as a teaching assistant with Clouse, offering valuable guidance to undergraduate students.

“Curtis knows the program really well,” Clouse said. “Probably better than some of the employees that work at Capsim.”

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# UM NEWS



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**MISSOULA** – Two University of Montana students won awards at the 2013 Montana Space Grant Consortium (MSGC) Student Research Symposium April 19, in Bozeman.

Ed Kleinsasser, a UM junior in physics, tied with a Montana State student for the Best Undergraduate Talk from a Research Institution Award for his project “Ripple Mark Mapping – Camas Prairie Project.” Chris Sundberg, a UM graduate student in Organismal Biology and Ecology, won the Best Graduate Student Talk for his research on the influence of altered duty cycle on the time course of muscle fatigue and the onset of neuromuscular compensations during all-out dynamic exercise.

eComponents Technology and the Montana Aviation Research Company sponsored the \$350 awards.

Kleinsasser worked with the UM-BOREALIS program, the MSGC high-altitude ballooning program established at UM in 2004. Sundberg was the only UM student to receive a MSGC Fellowship in 2012-13 for his work in the biomechanics laboratory.

The MSGC Student Research Symposium is an annual event that allows Montana students in science, technology, engineering and math fields to present their research. This year, twelve UM students attended the symposium to give talks or present posters. Mobility engineer Jaime Waydo and NASA probes scientist Brian Larsen were the keynote speakers.

Kleinsasser is from Valier and Sundberg is from Columbus.

For more information call Jennifer Fowler, UM-BOREALIS flight director, at 406-243-5273 or email [jennifer.fowler@umontana.edu](mailto:jennifer.fowler@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



May 02, 2013

**MISSOULA** – “Blackfoot Redemption: A Blood Indian’s Story of Murder, Confinement and Imperfect Justice” by William E. Farr is this year’s winner of the Great Plains Distinguished Book Prize from the Center for Great Plains Studies at the University of Nebraska. Farr is a senior fellow and founding director of the O’Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West and Professor Emeritus of history at the University of Montana.

Richard Edwards, director of the Center for Great Plains Studies, made the announcement April 26 at the center’s annual fellows meeting. In “Blackfoot Redemption,” Farr reconstructs the events of a Canadian Blackfoot called Spopee who shot and killed a white man in 1879. Through the narrative, he reveals a larger story about race and prejudice as the transition to reservations began.

Spopee, or Turtle, was captured as a fugitive and narrowly escaped execution. He disappeared inside an insane asylum in Washington, D.C., for more than 30 years until a delegation of American Blackfeet discovered him and gained a pardon from President Woodrow Wilson.

“It is a small story telling a larger one, for the book is not only about what happened to Spopee,” Farr said. “It is also about what happened to the Real People, the Niitsitapi, in this same period as they were confined or imprisoned on their reservation, as they underwent a wrenching transition from freedom to dependence, from communal buffalo hunting to irrigation and reservation allotment ... Too often individual experiences were lost in that transition and are now invisible.”

“(The book) contains a compelling narrative of an individual Native American who was caught up in an alien political/justice system – that of the frontier U.S. – and sets it as part of the larger tribal and settlement histories of the Montana border regions,” said Kari Ronning, one of the book-prize judges and editor of the Willa Cather Scholarly Edition.



Farr also is the author of “Julius Seyler and the Blackfeet. An Impressionist at Glacier National Park” and “The Reservation Blackfeet, 1882-1945.”

This fall he will deliver a lecture at the Center for Great Plains Studies, after which he will be presented with a cash prize of \$5,000 and the Distinguished Book Prize medallion.

“Blackfoot Redemption” was published by the University of Oklahoma Press. The Great Plains Distinguished Book Prize was created to emphasize the interdisciplinary importance of the Great Plains in today’s publishing and educational market. Only first edition, full-length, nonfiction books published in 2012 were evaluated for the award. The other finalist was Doreen Chaky’s “Terrible Justice: Sioux Chiefs and U.S. Soldiers on the Upper Missouri, 1854-1868.”

For more information call the Center for Great Plains Studies at 402-472-3082 or visit its website at <http://www.unl.edu/plains/>.

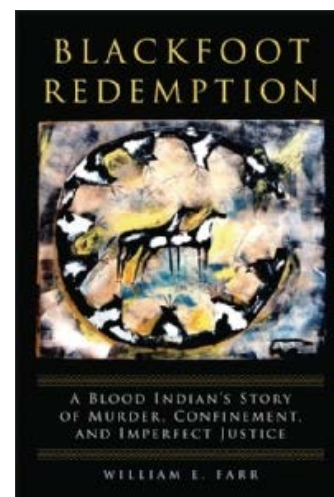
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# UM NEWS



May 01, 2013

**MISSOULA** – Eliza Allison, a University of Montana senior from Helena, will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer as the recipient of the 2013 J. Stanley Kimmitt Public Service Internship.

Allison, who will graduate in May with a degree in political science and a minor in French, will serve as a summer intern for the Senate Finance Committee under the guidance of U.S. Sen. Max Baucus. The Kimmitt internship includes a \$3,000 stipend.

"I firmly believe in the importance of supplementing one's education with experiential learning," Allison said. "This internship will enable me to do just that. As a political science major, I already knew that politics played an important role in my academic life, but it wasn't until I spent time in D.C. for the Presidential Inauguration Academic Seminar through the Washington Center that I saw how the political realm could become a part of my career."

Allison is a member of UM's Davidson Honors College and serves as head resident in Jesse Hall. She is a member of the UM Student Advocates and an active volunteer for Planned Parenthood of Missoula. Since 2005, Allison has served as a camp counselor at Flathead Lake United Methodist Church Camp.

The Kimmitt intern is selected each year through a competitive application process. The review and ranking of this year's internship applications was carried out by a UM faculty committee convened by Davidson Honors College Dean James McKusick. Finalists were interviewed by staff in Baucus' office to determine their suitability for an internship in the Senate.

The internship, a public-service opportunity for UM students established to honor J. Stanley Kimmitt, former secretary of the U.S. Senate and aide to Sen. Mike Mansfield, rotates among all three members of the Montana congressional delegation.

The next Kimmitt internship will be awarded summer 2014. The Davidson Honors College will announce a call for applications for that award next fall. For more information call 406-243-2541 or email [dhc@umontana.edu](mailto:dhc@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS

May 01, 2013

MISSOULA –

Legendary comedian, writer and actor Bill Cosby is coming to Missoula for a one-performance engagement. Best known for a wide variety of enterprises and his family-friendly, insightful and frequently hilarious observations about human nature, this American icon will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at the University of Montana Adams Center.

Tickets go on sale Friday, May 10, and cost between \$44 and \$54 plus applicable fees. They can be purchased at all GrizTix locations including Worden's Market, Southgate Mall, The Source in the University Center, MSO Hub and the Adams Center Box Office; by calling 406-243-4051, toll-free at 1-888-MONTANA; or online at <http://www.umt.edu/griztix>.

Cosby represents the voice of a vast, ordinary world. Audiences seem to easily identify with his character and find themselves in similar situations. He gives the twist of the ridiculous to everyday faults, foibles and successes and makes them a recognizable slice of life.

Cosby points out the humor in our lives, and in doing so, touches hearts. His qualities have endeared him to people from all walks of life.

According to Zoe Donovan, UM Productions marketing coordinator, Cosby's comedy has a point of reference and respect for the trappings and traditions of the great American humorists such as Charlie Chaplin, Will Rogers, W.C. Fields and Groucho Marx.

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# UM NEWS



May 01, 2013

## MISSOULA –

Nate McCrady, known by many as the UM assistant professor of astronomy who shares his love of the stars with visitors during the Blue Mountain Observatory public viewing nights, recently won the first University of Montana College of Arts and Sciences Award for Teaching Across the Curriculum.

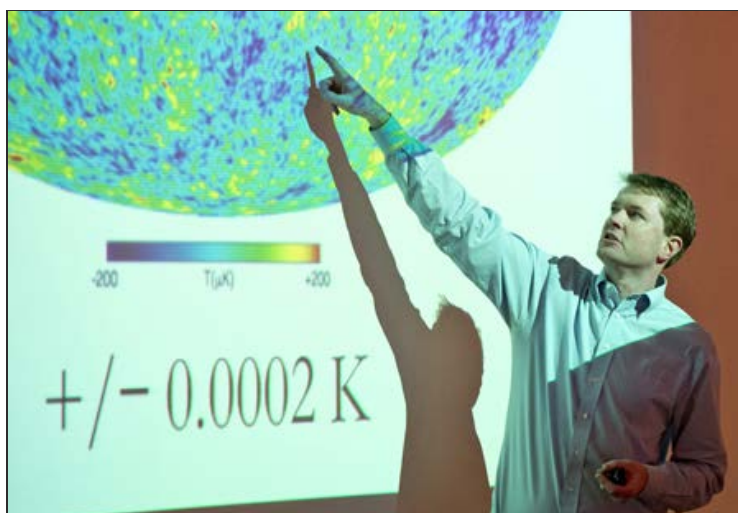
McCrady, who joined the UM faculty in 2009, teaches large general-enrollment courses as well as upper-division astronomy and physics courses. His talent as an educator and seemingly unbound enthusiasm and energy have garnered him high praise from colleagues and students alike, who describe him as dedicated, challenging and involved.

"It is a rare gift for a teacher to be able to convince his students to work hard and enjoy doing so," said Andrew Ware, chair of the UM Department of Physics and Astronomy. "Nate clearly has this gift."

McCrady currently leads the department's efforts to purchase a telescope as part of the planned MINERVA array at the Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory at Mount Hopkins in Arizona. The telescope will engage UM students in the cutting-edge search for exoplanets – planets outside our own solar system – from a remote observing lab on the UM campus.

The Award for Teaching Across the Curriculum was established to recognize a faculty member for his or her excellence in teaching at all levels. The award was created this year by the College of Arts and Sciences External Advisory Board.

For more information call UM College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Jenny McNulty at 406-243-4458 or email [mcnulty@mso.umt.edu](mailto:mcnulty@mso.umt.edu). More information on the MINERVA fundraising effort is available at <http://cas.umt.edu/physics/minerva/>.



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**Photo cutline:** UM Assistant Professor Nate McCrady discusses the origins of the universe during an astronomy class. (UM Photo by Todd Goodrich)

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